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Following is a Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (1 page); and Response to Final Office Action Mailed November 30, 2004 (8 pages).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James W. Watts III et al.	§	Examiner: Phan, Thai Q.
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Filed: November 14, 2000	§	Art Unit: 2128
	§	
Serial No.: 09/712,567	§	Attorney Docket No.: 97.012
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Title: Method and Program for Simulating a	§	Confirmation No.: 9421
Physical System Using	§	
Object-Oriented Programming	§	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 30, 2004**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 30, 2004. Applicants wish to (1) file Notice of Appeal; (2) correct an obvious error in the last claim listing; and (3) demand a §1.104(d)(2) affidavit.

Notice Of Appeal

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.191(a)(1), Applicants hereby file notice of appeal against the decision of the examiner rejecting claims 1-16 and 25-31 of the present application. The USPTO is authorized to charge all fees to deposit account no. 05-1328.

Correction of error in the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Demand for Affidavit begins on page 7 of this paper.